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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Welcome to the fire service in New Jersey! This special supplement was designed especially for you, the new firefighter, as you join the proud and dedicated men and women who make up New Jersey's fire and emergency service system.

As a firefighter, you play an important role in keeping communities, businesses, and private industries safe. You are the first line of community defense, and you have the potential to touch many lives as you respond to emergencies throughout your time in the fire service.

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, along with a variety of other state and local governmental agencies, stand behind you to provide the resources that will help you do your job. The goal of providing this special supplement is to provide consistent training across the state and the many academies and training centers and expand the quality and depth of knowledge to get firefighters started on their career. The Division of Fire Safety has partnered with Delmar Learning to offer this unique addendum as a supplement to *The Firefighter's Handbook*, your basic tool for firefighter training, Figure A-1.

FIREFIGHTER'S HANDBOOK

Essentials of Firefighting
and Emergency Response
NEW JERSEY EDITION



Figure A-1 This addendum is a supplement to the Firefighter's Handbook.

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The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety is striving to provide the best possible teaching, training, and testing materials to ensure that the local needs of the fire and emergency service agencies and providers are met. The Division of Fire Safety is your partner in safety and training, and we stand behind you on every call.



HOW TO USE THIS ADDENDUM

This manual is provided to firefighters entering the New Jersey fire and emergency services system to become familiar with the state government structures and state standards and regulations that are important to firefighters. This addendum serves as a supplement to *The Firefighter's Handbook* in providing firefighters with a well-rounded and basic introduction to firefighting in the State of New Jersey.

The best use of this addendum is to read and study the material, and then do some exploration on your own to expand your learning. The addendum provides other resources, including websites, where you can find further information about a variety of topics. Use these resources to answer the questions you have while reading through the material, and to examine more closely the subjects covered in the addendum, Figure A-2.

Firefighters know that continuous training and learning are what keeps them safe and most effec-



Figure A-2 The use of other print and electronic resources can help firefighters expand their knowledge.

tive. For this reason, it is important that you make a commitment to lifelong learning as you enter the fire service. Keep this addendum with your notes and refer to them occasionally after your initial training. Add information about changing state regulations or state resources as these become available. Talk to others in your department about these changes, and make learning a team effort in the fire service.